

Editorial

For over 25 years, the *International Journal of the Economics of Business* published path-breaking research that uses economics methods to understand business. The success of the Journal is in large part due to the initiative and hard work of the founding Editor, Eleanor J. Morgan. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Eleanor on behalf of the business economics community.

Knowing what big boots we had to fill, it was with some trepidation that we agreed to take over as Co-editors of *IJEB*. Our decision was made easier by the knowledge that Ted Frech was willing to continue as US Editor.

We believe that this is an exciting time for business economics. The past few years have seen intense debates concerning the impact of globalisation, trade policy and Brexit on business. In addition, innovation and new technology continue to create both opportunities and challenges for business. There are many questions concerning business behaviour that require investigation. Economics provides tools to analyse such topics, which bring insights that are not only academically robust but of use to practitioners and policy makers.

As many of you will have noticed, our first step has been to move the journal to a full electronic submission process. We are grateful to the team at Taylor and Francis for their support in this task. Our hope is that this will make life easier for referees and authors whilst helping us continue to come to decisions on articles as quickly as possible.

Under Eleanor's stewardship, *IJEB* has built up a reputation for showcasing research which is indeed both relevant and rigorous and this is something we are determined to continue and develop further. Our aim is to publish original research articles of the highest quality. We will continue to operate a policy of being open to the full range of paradigms and methodological approaches used by economists but always with an emphasis on potential impact for practice and policy. We will continue to publish industry studies, review articles by leading academics as well as special issues on 'hot-button' topics.

In the short time since we have taken over as Co-editors, we have been hugely encouraged by the quality of submissions to *IJEB* as well as the wide variety of topics covered. This is illustrated by a fine set of articles in this edition. *IJEB* has come a long in its first 25 years and we are confident it will continue to exert an outsize influence on the economics of business.

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